Mark Lane Is Ray's New Lawyer

WARTBURG, Tenn. — Mark Lane, whose inquiries into the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy have aroused controversy, has become the attorney for James Earl Ray, the confessed killer of King.

Ray is scheduled to go on trial tomorrow for escaping from a Tennessee prison. Lane said he would maintain Ray is innocent because he didn't belong in that prison in the first place.

And, he said, "the thrust of everything we're doing" would be "to win a jury trial on the charge that Ray murdered King. I am convinced that if Ray is tried for the murder of Dr. King, he will be acquitted."